

POLICY #202: COUNTYWIDE AMBULANCE MOVE-UP PROCEDURE

I. PURPOSE

- A. To establish a procedure that, through the movement of ambulance units, assures the least possible response time to Emergency Medical Service (EMS) calls by ambulance resources. This procedure will act as a guide for MedCom.

II. PROCEDURE

- A. Anytime an ambulance service area has no available ambulances, MedCom will make every effort to move available ambulances to predesignated locations to reduce the response time to the uncovered area.
- B. The predesignated ambulance staging areas will be:
 - 1. Avila Road to cover areas five and six
 - 2. Highway 58 and 101 to cover areas four and five
 - 3. Cuesta College to cover areas three and five
 - 4. Via Creek and Highway 1 to cover areas one and three
 - 5. Twin Cities Community Hospital to cover areas two and four
 - 6. Highway 46W and Vineyard Dr. to cover areas one and two for a unit stationed in Paso Robles.
 - 7. Highway 46W and Cypress Mountain Rd. to cover areas one, two, and four for a unit stationed in Cambria
- C. The areas listed above will be known as Code 8 locations.
- D. MedCom may request an ambulance unit move into another service area if they feel this will provide better coverage. If this occurs, MedCom will provide that ambulance unit with a location to stage. This location will be known as the Code 11 location.
- E. This move-up procedure may be altered by Med-Com if they feel that the positioning of an ambulance, at an area other than the ones listed above, would provide better ambulance coverage.